

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1943.HEALTH
A 26 MAY 1944
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Mr. Chairman, Miss Moulson and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report as Medical Officer for the year 1943.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the help I have received from the Sanitary Inspectors, Messrs G.Kent and J.Helmer. As this is in the nature of a farewell report, I wish to thank the Chairman and Council for the kindness and consideration I have always received from them and also for their kind enquiries during my recent illness.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W.R.DUNSTAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The extension of water mains in the parish of Ringmer completed last year has resulted in a satisfactory improvement in the water supply position in the Parish. Many new consumers were added during the year; Farmers in particular have taken advantage of the supply available and in many instances water has been laid on to cowstalls and dairies for washing and cooling purposes and also to fields for watering of stock. There is a strong demand for further extension of the Council's Mains in this and other Parishes. It is hoped that when conditions again permit, the Council will continue its excellent policy of extension of water mains to the more remote rural areas.

There are still isolated parishes in the district which are far removed from main services and where such extension will be uneconomic. Some of these areas are very badly served for water, the existing wells being of doubtful purity. The Council have had under consideration the question of supplying these areas and have asked for a Special Report on the matter which is now in course of preparation.

The water supplied by the Council has maintained a high level of purity. Regular monthly sampling is carried out by the Water Engineer, Mr. R.P.Cheale with whom a close co-operation is maintained.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

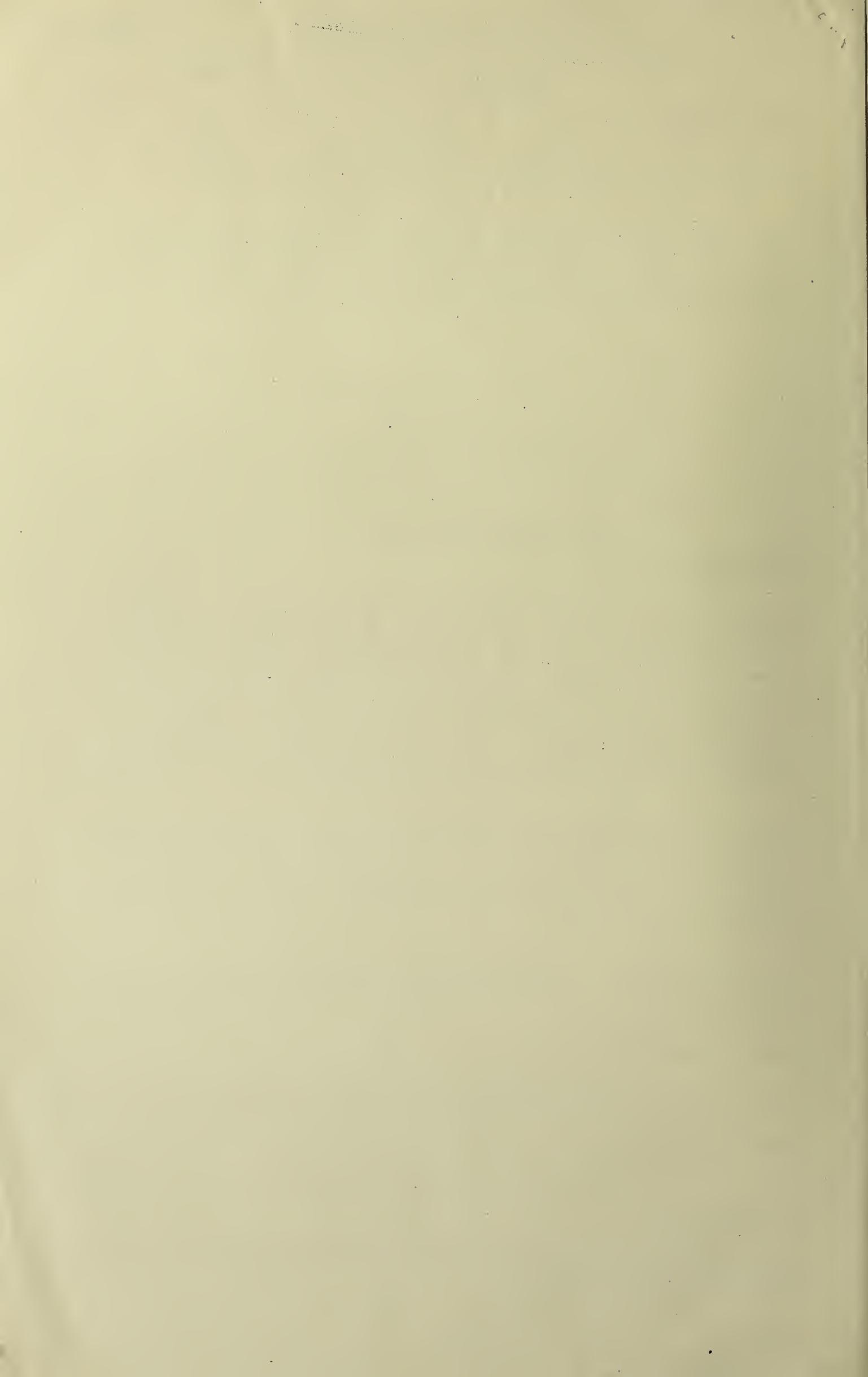
A fortnightly collection of house refuse has been maintained in all Parishes throughout the year.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

This service continues to do satisfactory work.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The various sewage disposal works in the Parish of Ringmer, Newick, Ditchling, Barcombe and West Firle have continued to function without serious trouble.



MEAT INSPECTION.

Two knackers yards are licensed in the area, one of which occasionally slaughters horses for human consumption.

SCABIES.

The arrangement whereby cases of scabies are treated by the District Nurses has worked satisfactorily.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Total. 375. Under 5 years 273. Over 5 years 102.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases notified was -

Pulmonary Tuberculosis 15. Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis 8. Measles 256. Scarlet Fever 64. This figure includes 7 carriers not clinical cases and 6 cases (Ridley family) which I visited and did not consider to be Scarlet Fever but were notified. The correct return therefore is 51 Clinical Scarlet Fever. 7 Bacteriological Scarlet Fever, giving a total of 58. Whooping Cough 18. Diphtheria (including 1 Army case) 4. Continued Fever 3. Influenzal Pneumonia 2. Erysipelas 3. Cerebro Spinal Meningitis 2. Ophthalmia Neonatorium 1.

CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS.

(1) Chailey Isolation Hospital	33.
(2) Hove Sanatorium	5.
(3) Other Isolations Hospitals	5

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